

SPECIFICATION

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9, and ending on page 6, line 10, with the following.

Fig. 2 2A is a diagram of a radio network of Fig. 1 supporting communication with a number of access terminals.

Fig 2B illustrates data carried on a forward traffic channel according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please **replace** the paragraphs beginning on page 8, line 19, and ending on page 10, line 10, with the following.

Fig. 2 2A illustrates a plurality of access terminals 14 engaged in open packet data connections with the radio network 22. Each access terminal 14 has both forward and reverse communication links established with the radio network 22, which support data transfer to and from the access terminals 14, as well as providing control and status information used to manage signaling between the access terminals 14 and the radio network 22. Note that some forward link channel information transmitted by the radio network 22 is commonly used by all of the access terminals 14 that are active within a given sector of the radio network 22.

Forward As seen in Figure 2B, forward link channels include the pilot channel, medium access control (MAC) channel, common control channel, and data channels, which are time multiplexed into the forward traffic channel. The MAC channel includes multiple reverse power control (RPC) channels, which are code multiplexed into the MAC channel. The different RPC channels carry power control information for different access terminals 14 connected with the radio network 22. At any given time, only one access terminal 14 is allocated to any given RPC channel.